

PAINT BRUSH CLIP

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A clip for mounting on a bucket and for holding a paint brush, having a ferrule of

ferromagnetic material; the bucket including: a wall enclosing an interior space for

containing paint; the wall including an upper rim and an outer face; said clip including:

a spine; including:

a first end;

a second end; and

a middle portion between said first and second ends;

a first end prong attached to said first end of said spine and extending downward,

a second end prong attached to said second end of said spine and extending

downward, and

a center prong attached to said middle portion of said spine and extending

downward, for insertion into the interior space of the bucket; said center prong including:

magnet means for holding the ferrule of the brush; said first end prong and

said second end prong being sufficiently resilient as to be disposed against the outer face

of the wall of the bucket when said center prong is inserted into the interior space of the

bucket; such that said clip is mounted securely upon the upper rim of the wall of the

bucket.

2. The clip of claim 1, said magnet means including:

horizontal ridges for retaining the ferrule from slipping vertically relative to said

magnet means.

3. The clip of claim 1, said clip further including:

2 a handle attached to said middle portion and extending radially outward from the
upper rim of the wall of bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim of the wall
4 of the bucket, such that said handle does not interfere with access to the interior space of
the bucket.

4. The clip of claim 1, said clip being of resilient plastic with the exception of said

2 magnet means.

5. The clip of claim 1, a handle attached to said first end prong and said second end prong

2 and bridging across them; and extending laterally such that said handle is not above the
interior space of the bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim of the bucket.

6. A clip for mounting on a bucket and for holding a paint brush, having a ferrule of

2 ferromagnetic material; the bucket including: a wall enclosing an interior space for
containing paint; the wall including an upper rim and an outer face; said clip including:

4 a body; including:

a flat central portion; and

6 an upper spine portion;

a first prong, including:

8 an attached end attached to said body;

a free end; and

10 a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the
bucket;
12 a second prong; including:
an attached end attached to said body;
14 a free end; and
a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the
16 bucket; and
magnet means for holding the ferrule of the brush; said first and said second
18 prongs being spaced apart on opposite sides of said flat central portion; and said clip
being adapted to mount securely upon the upper rim of the wall of the bucket with said
20 free ends of said first and second prongs disposed outside the bucket and said contact
portions of each said prong pressing against the outside face of the wall of the bucket; and
22 said flat central portion and said magnet means disposed within the interior space of the
bucket.

7. The clip of claim 6, further including:

2 a handle attached to said upper spine portion for grasping said clip.

8. The clip of claim 7; said handle extending radially outward from the upper rim of the
2 wall of the bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim, such that said handle
does not interfere with access to the interior space of the bucket.

9. The clip of claim 6, said magnet means including:

2 horizontal ridges for retaining the ferrule from slipping vertically relative to said
magnet.

10. The clip of claim 6, said clip being of resilient plastic with the exception of said
2 magnet.

11. The clip of claim 10, a handle attached to said first prong and said second prong and
2 bridging across them; and extending laterally, radially outward from the upper rim of the
wall of the bucket such that said handle does not interfere with access to the interior
4 space of the bucket.

12. The clip of claim 9, said magnet means comprising:

2 a ceramic magnet; and
a housing for said ceramic magnet including:
4 a plurality of ridges extending beyond said ceramic magnet for contacting
the ferrule of the paint brush; said housing being of a ferromagnetic material; said
6 housing being attached to said flat central portion and said ceramic magnet being
attached to said housing.

13. The clip of claim 6, each said contact portion including:

2 a generally planar contact face; each said contact face inclined at a slight angle
from being parallel to said flat central portion so as to adapt each said contact face for
4 contact with the outer face of a generally cylindrical bucket.

2 14. In combination:

a bucket; including:

4 a wall enclosing an interior space for containing paint; including:

an exterior surface; and

6 an upper rim;

a paint brush; including:

8 bristles;

a handle; and

10 a ferrule for attaching said bristles to said handle; including:

a horizontal ridge; and

12 a paint brush holder; including:

a body; including:

14 a flat central portion; and

an upper spine portion;

16 a first prong; including:

an attached end attached to said body;

18 a free end; and

a contact portion for contacting said outer face of said wall of said

20 bucket;

a second prong; including:

22 an attached end attached to said body;

a free end; and

24 a contact portion for contacting said outer face of said wall of said
bucket; and

26 magnet means for holding said ferrule of said brush; said first and said second
prongs being spaced apart on opposite sides of said flat central portion; and said clip
28 being adapted to mount securely upon said upper rim of said wall of said bucket with said
free ends of said first and second prongs disposed outside said bucket and said contact
30 portions of each said prong pressing against said outside face of said wall of said bucket;
and said flat central portion and said magnet means disposed within said interior space of
32 the bucket.

2 14. The combination of claim 13; said paint brush holder further including:

a handle attached to said body for grasping said paint brush holder.

15. The combination of claim 14; said handle extending radially outward from said upper
2 rim of said wall of said bucket when said clip is mounted upon said upper rim, such that
said handle does not interfere with access to said interior space of said bucket.

16. The combination of claim 13; said magnet means including:

2 horizontal ridges for retaining said ferrule from slipping vertically relative to said
magnet.